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THE POPULAR VOTE.

Now that the election is some weeks past and gone, the U. S. Government statisticians are at work giving the country the cold figures. His tables are not devoid of interest:

In 1892 the total vote for President in all the States of the Union, then forty-four, was 12,154,542, and the totals of the two elections compared are as follows:

Total vote, 1896. 13,923,643
Total vote, 1892, 12,154,542

Increase. 1,769,101

This is a gain of more than 10 per cent in the voting population of the United States in four years, and if there were no special reasons to explain the disparity of the increase in the several States where there is an increase, a study of the figures in each would be interesting. The fact, however, is that there has been no uniform and evenly distributed gain in the voting population of the United States since 1892, but abnormal and spasmodic increases in some States and an actual falling off in the vote in some others. In South Carolina, for instance, the total vote for President in 1892 was 70,444; in 1896, under the amended State Constitution, it was only 68,907. In North Carolina, on the other hand, the vote of 280,000 in 1892 was increased to 330,000 in 1896. This remarkably large increase was due chiefly to the amendment to the voting laws following the defeat of the Democratic candidates in the State election of 1894. The industrial conditions which operate to make the growth in population in South Carolina small are the same as prevail in North Carolina, but while the former State, in its political aspect, is ruled by reactionary policies, in respect to voting laws the latter is governed by progressive policies, and this explains the difference in the vote of the two States in 1896 as compared with 1892.

The very largest increase in any State was in Colorado, or from 92,000 in 1892 to 189,000 in 1896. This remarkable increase was not due to any marked growth in the number of inhabitants, but to woman suffrage, women voting the same as men and under no different or more serious restrictions. In Wyoming, however, where woman suffrage is no new thing, the total vote of the State, which was 16,718 in 1892, increased only to 20,860 in 1896. A comparison of the figures in the several New England States at the recent election and at the election of four years ago shows anew the singularly steady character of their voting population even under pressure of great interest and excitement of last year's campaign. In Massachusetts the total vote increased from 391,000 in 1892 to 401,000 in 1896, a gain of 10,000 only. In Maine it increased from 116,000 in 1892 to 118,000 in 1896, a gain of 2,000 only. In New Hampshire there was a falling off of 6,000, or from 89,000 to 83,000. In Vermont the gain was 8,000, following an exciting State election in September, and in Connecticut the increase was 10,000, or from 164,000 to 174,000. In Rhode Island there was the very slight increase from 53,188 to 54,785, and it was due almost exclusively to the naturalization of Socialists in the large manufacturing cities.

Both New York and Pennsylvania cast over a million votes in 1896. The gain in New York in 1896 was only 57,000 votes, but in Pennsylvania it was 190,000. Ohio, with about 1,000,000, and Illinois, with about 1,000,000, also crossed the million mark in 1896. The total vote of New York in 1896 was nearly as large as that of the whole United States in 1896, and the vote of the Union as a whole has more than doubled in twenty-five years. It was 6,500,000 in 1872 and 13,900,000 at the recent election.

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